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Lafayette Parish Drinking Water Protection Committee formed Seeking additional volunteers

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality recently selected Lafayette Parish as the next stop for its drinking water protection campaign.

A Lafayette Parish Drinking Water Protection Committee has been organized and will hold monthly meetings at 6 p.m., the first Thursday of the month. The committee is a locally based planning and action team that will develop and implement drinking water protection activities. Drinking water protection can be as simple as making friends, relatives, neighbors and students aware of their drinking water source and the importance of protecting it. It can also involve the community and local officials in adoption of local ordinances and developing ways to make it easier for residents to dispose of harmful products, such as at a household waste collection day.

The Drinking Water Protection Committee and DEQ are still seeking additional volunteers to join the effort in protecting the drinking water in Lafayette Parish. A meeting will be held on Sept. 7, at 6:00 PM at the City of Lafayette Water Department located at 200 North Buchanan St. in Lafayette, LA. Refreshments will be provided by DEQ.

For more information you may contact drinking water team members Mary Gentry or Tiffani Cravens at (225) 219-3510 and visit the DEQ Drinking Water Protection Program web page at <http://www.deq.la.gov/portal/tabid/108/default.aspx>. Monthly meetings are posted on the Calendar of Events on the web page.

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